

HOUSE BILL NO. 6

INTRODUCED BY KASTEN

BY REQUEST OF THE OFFICE OF BUDGET AND PROGRAM PLANNING

A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT REVISING AND IMPLEMENTING THE RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM; APPROPRIATING MONEY TO THE DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND CONSERVATION FOR GRANTS UNDER THE RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM; PRIORITIZING GRANTS AND AMOUNTS; ESTABLISHING CONDITIONS FOR GRANTS; ~~PROVIDING FOR A TRANSFER OF FUNDS FROM THE STATE GENERAL FUND TO THE RENEWABLE RESOURCE STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT;~~ MAKING PERMANENT REVISIONS TO THE USE OF THE RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT AND LOAN STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT; AMENDING SECTION 85-1-604, MCA; REPEALING SECTION 11, CHAPTER 307, LAWS OF 2005; AND PROVIDING EFFECTIVE DATES."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

NEW SECTION. Section 1. Appropriations from renewable resource grant and loan program state special revenue account. (1) There is appropriated from the renewable resource grant and loan program state

special revenue account established in 85-1-604 to the department of natural resources and conservation up to:

- (a) \$100,000 to be used for emergency projects;
- (b) \$400,000 to be used for planning grants to be awarded by the department over the course of the biennium;
- (c) \$300,000 to be used for irrigation development grants to be awarded by the department over the course of the biennium; and
- (d) \$100,000 to be used for the development of a comprehensive irrigation report by the department.

(2) There is appropriated from the renewable resource grant and loan program state special revenue account established in 85-1-604 to the department of natural resources and conservation ~~\$5~~ ~~\$5.5~~ ~~\$5~~ million that is available in the renewable resource state special revenue account for grants to political subdivisions and local governments during the 2009 biennium. The funds in this section must be awarded by the department to the named entities for the described purposes and in the described grant amounts set out in subsection (3), subject



1 to the conditions set forth in [sections 1 through 4] and the contingencies described in the renewable resource
 2 grant and loan program January 2007 report to the 60th legislature. The legislature, pursuant to 85-1-605,
 3 approves the grants listed in subsection (3), with grants to be made in the order indicated in the prioritized list of
 4 projects and activities. Funds must be awarded up to the amounts approved in this section in order of priority until
 5 available funds are expended. Funds not accepted or used by higher-ranked projects must be provided for
 6 projects farther down the priority list that would not otherwise receive funding. Any projects that are funded by
 7 the reclamation and development grants program may not be funded under [sections 1 through 4].

8 (3) The following are the prioritized grant projects:

9 RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM

10 Applicant/Project	Grant Amount
11 Green Mountain Conservation District	
12 (Crow Creek Restoration Project)	\$70,599 <u>\$70,559</u>
13 Twin Bridges, Town of	
14 (Twin Bridges Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
15 Fort Peck Tribes	
16 (Fort Peck D-4 Drain Water Conservation Improvements)	\$100,000
17 North Powell Conservation District	
18 (Blackfoot Drought and Water Conservation Project)	\$84,347
19 Bainville, Town of	
20 (Bainville Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
21 Petrolia Irrigation District	
22 (Petrolia Irrigation Rehabilitation Project)	\$100,000
23 Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation	
24 (Ackley Lake Dam Rehabilitation)	\$100,000
25 Cut Bank, City of	
26 (Cut Bank Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
27 Whitehall, Town of	
28 (Whitehall Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
29 Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation	
30 (East Fork Siphon Replacement and Main Canal Lining Project)	\$100,000

1	Loma County Water and Sewer District	
2	(Loma Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
3	Panoramic Mountain River Heights County Water District	
4	(Panoramic Mountain River Heights Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
5	Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation	
6	(Smith Creek Canal Seepage Abatement and Rehabilitation Project)	\$100,000
7	Goodan-Keil County Water District	
8	(Goodan-Keil Water Improvement Project)	\$100,000
9	Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation	
10	(Middle Creek Dam Automated Instrumentation)	\$100,000
11	Polson, City of	
12	(Polson Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
13	Hill County	
14	(Beaver Creek Dam Seepage Control Berm)	\$100,000
15	Gallatin County, Hebgen Lake Estates RID 322	
16	(Hebgen Lake Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
17	Three Forks, City of	
18	(Three Forks Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
19	Mineral County Saltese Water and Sewer District	
20	(Saltese Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
21	Carbon Conservation District	
22	(Phase I Hydrogeology and Water Balance of the East/West Bench Aquifers)	\$100,000
23	Fergus County Conservation District	
24	(Upper and Lower Carter Pond Dam Reconstruction)	\$100,000
25	Brady County Water and Sewer District	
26	(Brady Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
27	Beaverhead Conservation District	
28	(Big Hole Ditch Improvement Project)	\$100,000
29	Superior, Town of	
30	(Superior Water System Improvements)	\$100,000

1	Sunny Meadows Missoula County Water and Sewer District	
2	(Sunny Meadows Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
3	Tri County Water and Sewer District	
4	(Tri County Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
5	Philipsburg, Town of	
6	(Philipsburg Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
7	Fort Peck Tribes	
8	(58 Main Structure Replacement for Water Management)	\$100,000
9	Sanders County	
10	(Eliminating Failed Septic Systems in Sanders County)	\$100,000
11	Malta Irrigation District	
12	(Dodson North Canal Regulating Reservoir)	\$100,000
13	Red Lodge, City of	
14	(Red Lodge Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
15	Elk Meadows Ranchettes County Water District	
16	(Elk Meadows Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
17	RAE Water and Sewer District	
18	(RAE Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
19	Stillwater Conservation District	
20	(Stillwater-Rosebud Watershed, Surface Water/Groundwater Interaction)	\$100,000
21	East Bench Irrigation District	
22	(East Bench Irrigation District Canal Lining)	\$100,000
23	Dayton Lake County Water and Sewer District	
24	(Dayton Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
25	Milk River Irrigation Project Joint Board of Control	
26	(Saint Mary Canal, Drop 3, Plunge Pool Concrete Repair)	\$100,000
27	Yellowstone Conservation District	
28	(Modeling Aquifer Response to Urban Sprawl, West Billings Area)	\$60,000 <u>\$59,991</u>
29	Ravalli County	
30	(Improved Resource Protection, Floodplain Hazard Mapping)	\$100,000

1	North Valley County Water and Sewer District	
2	(North Valley County Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
3	Sheridan, Town of	
4	(Sheridan Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
5	Neihart, Town of	
6	(Neihart Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
7	Greenfields Irrigation District	
8	(Muddy Creek Wastewater and Erosion Reduction Project)	\$100,000
9	Bynum Teton County Water and Sewer District	
10	(A New Source of Drinking Water for Bynum, Phase 1)	\$100,000
11	Whitefish, City of	
12	(Whitefish Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
13	Power Teton County Water and Sewer District	
14	(Power Teton Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
15	Sidney Water Users Irrigation District	
16	(Sidney Water Users Increasing Irrigation Efficiency Phase 2)	\$100,000
17	Jordan, Town of	
18	(Jordan Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
19	Beaverhead County	
20	(Blacktail Deer Creek Flood Mitigation Project)	\$100,000
21	Seeley Lake Missoula County Water District	
22	(Seeley Lake Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
23	Manhattan, Town of	
24	(Manhattan Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
25	Lewis and Clark County	
26	(Lewis and Clark Fairgrounds, Dunbar Area Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
27	Columbia Falls, City of	
28	(Columbia Falls Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
29	Hamilton, City of	
30	(Hamilton Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000

1	Hysham Irrigation District	
2	(Hysham Irrigation District Infrastructure Improvement)	\$100,000
3	Shelby, City of	
4	(Shelby Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
5	Montana Department of Natural Resources and Conservation	
6	(Community Tree Planting Grants)	\$100,000
7	Ronan, City of	
8	(Ronan Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
9	Pondera County Conservation District	
10	(Marias River Watershed Baseline Assessment)	\$100,000
11	Sheridan County	
12	(Raymond Dam Rehabilitation)	\$100,000
13	Montana Department of Environmental Quality	
14	(Geothermal Assessment and Outreach Partnership)	\$99,963
15	Thompson Falls, City of	
16	(Thompson Falls Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
17	Missoula County Lolo RSID 901	
18	(Lolo Wastewater System Improvements, Phase 2)	\$100,000
19	Chester Irrigation District	
20	(Chester Irrigation Project: Phase 2, Water Service Contract Application)	\$100,000
21	Pinesdale, Town of	
22	(Pinesdale Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
23	Ekalaka, Town of	
24	(Ekalaka Water and Wastewater System Improvements)	\$100,000
25	Sweet Grass Conservation District	
26	(West Boulder Point of Diversion Rehabilitation Project)	\$44,500
27	Livingston, City of	
28	(Glass Pulverizer for the City of Livingston)	\$100,000
29	Montana State University	
30	(Channel Response Assessment for the Upper Blackfoot)	\$100,000

1	Darby, Town of	
2	(Darby Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
3	Sunburst, Town of	
4	(Sunburst Backup Water Supply Wells)	\$99,236
5	<u>SUNSET IRRIGATION DISTRICT</u>	
6	(<u>GRAVITY FLOW GROUP IRRIGATION PIPELINES</u>)	<u>\$100,000</u>
7	Geyser Judith Basin County Water and Sewer District	
8	(Geyser Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
9	Black Eagle Water and Sewer District	
10	(Black Eagle Water System Improvements)	\$100,000
11	Glacier County Conservation District	
12	(Marias River Bridge Road Stabilization)	\$100,000
13	Buffalo Rapids Project, District 2	
14	(Open Lateral Conversion to Pipeline)	\$100,000
15	Buffalo Rapids Project, District 1	
16	(Open Lateral 34.5 Conversion to Pipeline)	\$100,000

17 (4) For grant projects for which the department of natural resources and conservation also has
 18 recommended a loan, the authorization for the loan is contained in [LC 125].

19 (5) To the entities listed in this section, this appropriation constitutes a valid obligation of these funds for
 20 purposes of encumbering the funds within the 2009 biennium pursuant to 17-7-302.

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 22 **NEW SECTION. Section 2. Conditions of grants.** Disbursement of funds under [sections 1 through
 23 4] for grants is subject to the following conditions that must be met by project sponsors:

24 (1) approval of a scope of work and budget for the project by the department of natural resources and
 25 conservation. Changes in the project scope of work or budget that reduce the public or natural resource benefits
 26 as presented in department reports and applicant testimony to the 60th legislature will result in the proportional
 27 reduction in grant amount.

28 (2) documented commitment of other funds required for project completion;

29 (3) satisfactory completion of conditions described in the recommendation section of the project narrative
 30 in the renewable resource grant and loan program project recommendations and biennium report submitted to

1 the 60th legislature for the 2009 biennium or, in the case of emergency applications, conditions specified at the
2 time of written notification of approved grant authority;

3 (4) execution of a grant agreement with the department; and

4 (5) accomplishment of other specific requirements considered necessary by the department to
5 accomplish the purpose of the grant as evidenced from the application to the department or from the proposal
6 to the legislature.

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8 **NEW SECTION. Section 3. Conditions for grants.** Notwithstanding the conditions described in
9 [section 2], grant funds are disbursed in the order of priority listed in [section 1] as resource indemnity trust
10 account interest income revenue is received. A project approved by [section 1] is not entitled to receive grant
11 funds that are not collected and allocated to the renewable resource grant and loan program state special
12 revenue account.

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14 **NEW SECTION. Section 4. Appropriations established.** (1) For any entity of state government that
15 receives a grant under [sections 1 through 3], an appropriation is established for the amount of the grant listed
16 in [section 1(3)]. Grants to state entities from prior bienniums are reauthorized for completion of contract work.

17 (2) Any funds in excess of the amount appropriated for grants under [sections 1 through 3] are available
18 for appropriation for authorized purposes from the renewable resource grant and loan program state special
19 revenue account.

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21 **NEW SECTION. Section 5. Review of previously authorized grants.** Recipients of renewable
22 resource grants authorized by previous legislatures that have not completed startup conditions must be notified
23 by the department of natural resources and conservation that the legislature, at the next regular session, will
24 review renewable resource grants to determine if the commitment of the renewable resource grant should be
25 withdrawn.

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27 ~~**NEW SECTION. SECTION 6. FUND TRANSFER. AT THE BEGINNING OF FISCAL YEAR 2009, THE AMOUNT OF**~~
28 ~~**\$500,000 IS TRANSFERRED FROM THE STATE GENERAL FUND TO THE RENEWABLE RESOURCE GRANT AND LOAN PROGRAM**~~
29 ~~**STATE SPECIAL REVENUE ACCOUNT ESTABLISHED IN 85-1-604.**~~

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1 **Section 6.** Section 85-1-604, MCA, is amended to read:

2 **"85-1-604. Renewable resource grant and loan program state special revenue account created**
3 **-- revenue allocated -- limitations on appropriations from account.** (1) There is a renewable resource grant

4 and loan program state special revenue account within the state special revenue fund established in 17-2-102.

5 (2) Except to the extent that they are required to be credited to the renewable resource loan debt service
6 fund pursuant to 85-1-603, there must be paid into the renewable resource grant and loan program state special
7 revenue account:

8 (a) the interest income of the resource indemnity trust fund as provided in and subject to the conditions
9 of 15-38-202;

10 (b) the excess of the coal severance tax proceeds allocated by 85-1-603 to the renewable resource loan
11 debt service fund above debt service requirements as provided in and subject to the conditions of 85-1-619; and

12 (c) any fees or charges collected by the department pursuant to 85-1-616 for the servicing of loans,
13 including arrangements for obtaining security interests.

14 (3) Appropriations may be made from the renewable resource grant and loan program state special
15 revenue account for:

16 (a) grants for designated projects and the activities authorized in 85-1-602(1)(a); and

17 (b) administrative expenses, including salaries and expenses for personnel and equipment, office space,
18 and other expenses necessarily incurred in the administration of the grant and loan program. The expenses under
19 this subsection (3)(b) may be funded before funding of projects.

20 (4) ~~For the biennium beginning July 1, 2005, appropriations~~ Appropriations may be made from the
21 renewable resource grant and loan program state special revenue account for administrative expenses, including
22 salaries and expenses for personnel and equipment, office space, and other expenses necessarily incurred in
23 natural resource-related programs. ~~(Subsection (4) terminates June 30, 2007--sec. 11, Ch. 307, L. 2005.)"~~

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25 NEW SECTION. **Section 7. Repealer.** Section 11, Chapter 307, Laws of 2005, is repealed.

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27 NEW SECTION. **Section 8. Severability.** If a part of [this act] is invalid, all valid parts that are severable
28 from the invalid part remain in effect. If a part of [this act] is invalid in one or more of its applications, the part
29 remains in effect in all valid applications that are severable from the invalid applications.

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